

AND for once the dog-star rains.

THE weather of last Thursday and Friday was as hot as has ever been experienced at this altitude.

THE local report is that for a railroad to cross the mountain at Frost a tunnel of one quarter of a mile will be required.

ELK was visited by a tremendous rain storm last Sunday evening, the rain flooding the meadows and washing out crops.

MR LELAND KITTLE, of Beverly, deputy collector, has had this county added to his field since the removal of Deputy-Collector Goad.

THE entertainment given by the last Thursday resulted in clear receipts in something over \$45. This sum will be used in furnishing the church building at this place.

THE Wheeling tobacco merchants, as soon as the news reached them that the cigarette law had been pronounced unconstitutional, took counsel and opened up a trade in getting them. One dealer sold 200 boxes the first day.

ADDISON has about two hundred visitors at the present time who are there for the waters, and it is thought that there will be six hundred there by the middle of August. As soon as they get railroad connection with Pickens, this spring will become a famous watering place.

ANY justice or business man in the county can obtain one of Thomson's Manual and Forms at this office by sending in his name and one dollar. Only one on hand. Others wishing to obtain this excellent and indispensable work will address Marcellus M. Thomson, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

THE Mingo tennis players say to the club of this place that they "most heartily and sincerely thank them for the handsome way in which they were treated at Marlinton (to say nothing of the handsome 'drubbing' thrown in)." The club here responds and says that they thank them for coming and giving them a royal day at tennis.

AT the residence of Mr. Asgel Armstrong, near the Mountain House, a copper-head snake bit a chicken, which of course died almost instantly. Mr. A.'s little girl, 10 years old, was near, and was bitten by the snake a few moments after it bit the chicken, but she didn't mind it any more than if it had been a pin scratch. We suppose the snake had exhausted its supply of poison on the chicken.—*Highland Recorder.*

ON the morning of the 20th, a novel and exciting scene was witnessed from the veranda of Jacob Moore on Elk. In the woods skirting the hillside pastures opposite the dwelling, three or four large hawks swooped down upon a brood of wild turkeys, that were attended and defended by two or three hens. The hawks were very persistent in their efforts, but the parental turkeys succeeded in repelling them, and brought their broods in safety, after a most amusing exhibition of flutters, leapings, "git outs" and "gibble-gibbles."

A SPIRITED foot-ball contest came off Saturday afternoon in the nice field near the Gibson cattle scales. The thermometer was 90 and stayed in the shade. Rousing cheers went up whenever a goal was made and the echoes from the mountains round seemed as the rival games were being played by the demons of the hill. There is this team at Gibson's, another at Hugh Sharp's and a third at Big Spring. So widely diffused has the athletic enthusiasm become, and so closely Elk seems in touch with Marlinton Princeton, New York, and Boston.

It was an old romantic idea that the queen of bees "leads out the swarm." But the inquisitive spirit of the passing age has tested this poetic sentiment as to its merits according to solid facts. From a discussion in a late number of the *American Bee Journal* as to which directs the swarming, the queen or the workers, it appears that seven out of twenty-three apiarists, affirmed that the working bees direct the swarming proceedings, three thought the queen leads, several thought that both work together on the basis of true socialism, and two did not know what to say about it. One writer says that while he had a hive open a swarm issued and he witnessed the internal excitement. The queen made repeated attacks on a sealed queen cell, but the guards stood firmly and even used force to drive her away. At another time while he was watching at the entrance for the queen to appear, she did not appear until most of the swarm was in the air, and when she did appear she was being hustled out by force of arms.

"OLD MAJOR," a well-known dog about town, ran a wildcat into the opening near George Gibson's, in which he was materially assisted by another dog named "Missie." Mr Gibson killed the wildcat.

W. H. OVERHOLT, of Frankford, has a field of more than a hundred acres in wheat this year, and it will yield more than 2000 bushels. It was threshed from the shock and several sets were made in the same field.

THE repairing of the Huntersville bridge is now going on. In replacing the bridge in its original position one of the corner pillars slipped out which will necessitate further repairing before the bridge can be placed in its original position.

THE farmers are busily engaged in making hay. The crop is much better than it was expected it would be. Corn and oats are both doing nicely and with the exception of the fruit crop the year should be one of ordinary abundance.

THE compositor made us say that the court had ordered that the Marlinton bridge be covered with sawed shingles. It should have read SHAVED shingles. Complaint has been made that sawed shingles were not serviceable, and we are glad to inform the public that the mistake was ours and not the court's.

THE Normal is progressing very finely and the teachers present are doing good work. Those in attendance are nearly all from a distance. They are Misses Bertie Beard, Neva McNeil, Sallie McLaughlin, Emma Burner, Alice McLaughlin, Woodsie Ratliff, Bertie Baxter, Ann Smith, Mrs O. E. McKeever, and J. A. McLaughlin, W. H. Shafer, and Dennis McNeil.

THE death of Mr. C. Y. Byrne, Circuit Clerk of Braxton county, is as much lamented as any like event which has occurred for a great while. He was one of the most popular men in that section and founded the Braxton Democrat. His remains were interred by the Masonic fraternity on Wednesday. Judge Bennett has appointed Joseph H. Lorentz to fill the vacancy.

DURING the winter of 1861-62 there was a battle fought on Alleghany Mountain east of Travelers' Rest. One of the companies of artillery was commanded by Capt. John Miller. It may interest our readers to learn something more of a person who exposed his life in the limits of our county during the late sad war. He was a minister of the gospel, and spent the latter years of his life in Princeton, New Jersey, and gathered a small congregation in the city of New York, connected with the Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly. A few months since he and his wife died within a week of each other. She was the oldest daughter of Governor James McDowell, of Lexington, Virginia. He left property valued at thirty thousand dollars. His will was set aside on the ground that the witnesses testified they did not know what the paper was which they had signed. The property, however, will go to his three daughters, as provided in the will, so all is well that ends well. Mr Miller was a very interesting preacher, had one of the most acute minds, and fearlessly avowed his opinions that finally brought him into some trouble for preaching advanced doctrines.

A LADY correspondent of the *Wheeling Register*, in describing a visit to Athens, refers to the famous Mt. Hymettus whose bees have the reputation of making the finest honey ever tasted by mortal lips. She says while the honey made of the wild thyme is delicious yet not so nice and delicate as the West Virginia honey made of the white clover. It is believed no section of West Virginia can surpass the honey that is made by the bees on Elk from the white lily that grows there in prodigious abundance, and gives a new name to one of the post offices. The gathering of honey is a growing industry, and Pocahontas honey in time may mean a higher grade than that held by classic Hymettus ever since the mellifluous verses of Virgil charmed it into such eminence as the honey of honeys. It appears that very few swarms have come off this season, and parties are discussing the reason. The writer's attention was attracted to the numerous "bee-birds" he saw during a recent excursion, and believes their presence has something to do with the matter. A late article in the papers on bee-culture advanced the idea that the "bee-bird" was a benefit, as it fed only on the drones. The drone is the male bee, and if too many are destroyed swarming must be diminished.

ERRATA: In mentioning the death of Mrs Peter Beverage, a mistake was made as to the place where it occurred, it being at D. W. Sharp's instead of David Sheet's as reported.

CLIFTON FORGE is suffering from incendiary fires. Last week a brick building was set on fire and James A. Ford, a prominent business man of that place, was burned to death in his room. Several stores were destroyed and the loss of property amounts to a considerable sum.

LIVE and let live is the principle of every honest merchant. I am convinced that a merchant and his customers must be linked arm in arm; only then business makes progress. before I sell a customer \$1.00 worth of goods I must be convinced he is getting his money's worth. Every body that trades with me gets honest value.

IN Upshur county great interest has been manifested by the public in a proceeding before a special session of the county court. In May last John Mick, a very old gentleman of that county, was adjudged insane and a committee was appointed. A few days since he moved the court to declare him restored and to discharge his committee, which the court did after a bitter legal conflict which lasted several days. The decision of the court gives general satisfaction.

THE tennis tournament with Mingo was played on the courts at this place last Saturday, this town coming off victorious by an overwhelming score. Of the nine matches played the visitors won the first only. After that the visitors volleyed and blundered themselves into easy victims. About eight hours were consumed in the play, and a goodly number of people were attracted by the game, the tennis is not considered a very exciting game to watch. Jim Smith and Mr Dashwood Ricketts made up a striking couple of home players, both being very fat and beautiful, and on being pitted against two very slim young Englishmen, Earnest Hebdon and Jack Foster, it was asight to see. Some prophesied that the two lean men would eat up the two fat men, but not so, for the big representatives of Marlinton rallied and smashed, blazed away, sweated, and won. The best match was the one played by Mr S. E. L. Grews, proprietor of Cheat Hall, and Mr Lanty Tuke, the stock-dealer of Duffryn, for Mingo, and Mr J. H. G. Wilson and Norman Price, for Marlinton. The latter won on a score of 7:5 and 6:4. The game was umpired by Mr A. D. Bruce, of Lewisburg, who was relieved by various others, among whom was Rev. J. W. Lacy, who is an expert at the game. Besides the players mentioned above, those taking part in the game were Messrs. A. Lawson and Obadiah Miles, of Randolph, and W. B. Ricketts and A. Price, of Pocahontas. The affair was pronounced by all to be a grand success, and Marlinton feels a pardonable pride in winning, and more than ever like saying that she "kin out-run, out-jump, out-wind, and out-wrestle anything in these woods."

Cranberry Glades. This wonderful natural curiosity is situated on the Gladly Fork of Cranberry River, in the western part of Pocahontas County. On reaching an elevation near the head of the stream, the tourist looks down the valley and sees what he takes to be the finest farm in the county. His first question is apt to be "What great improvement is that down there?" The answer may be "that is one which has been there a long time!" It is a very impressive sight to see that magnificent bottom land, comprising hundreds of acres, apparently waving with the finest growing crops, and only lacking the customary cross-fences to make it like the fine farm it is taken to be at a short distance. On either side the mountains rise covered with a heavy growth of timber.

A visit to the Glades dispels the idea that it is valuable land. It comprises probably the largest and most dangerous bog of the State. Covered with a kind of turf, it will bear the weight of a man, but any movement on his part will shake the earth for twenty feet around him. Cattle are lost if they try to graze on its broad acres, and they know enough to give it a wide berth. It is said that a pole may be thrust to a depth of twenty feet and no solid bottom has been discovered to the bog. It takes its name from the fine cranberries which grow wild there in quantities sufficient to supply the whole country. At some future time they may be cultivated and the cranberries for the United States be raised there.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr Ernest Moore, of Pocahontas County, W. Va., brother of Judge Moore, came over to Covington Tuesday for his sister, Mrs Moffett, of Cincinnati. Mrs Moffett expects to spend some time with friends in that county.—*Alleghany Sentinel.*

Messrs. Strickler and Kooze, two agreeable traveling men of Rockingham County, Virginia, were in Pocahontas this week.

Mr L. M. McClintic has returned from a brief trip to the interior of the State.

Mrs Lucy Randolph Flemming, of Lynchburg, Va., accompanied by her daughter, is visiting her sister, Mrs A. L. Price.

Eugene Gatewood and Paul Vandervort, of Linwood, were in town Saturday.

Points Moore, Esq., has returned on his trip west to Colorado.

Mrs. S. W. Holt and family are visiting Addison.

Capt. E. A. Smith and son Emery are at Bonceverte, Justice Chas. Cook has returned from a trip to the Salt Sulphur Springs of Webster.

Stabbed. Wednesday evening of last week Ed. Ray was brought to jail closely guarded by the two constables of the Levels, Woodell and Wylie. He had involved himself in an affray at Overholt's lumber camp. The particulars as reported say that the young men who compose the camp indulged in some horse-play, using a rope with which they tied several of the mill hands.

Everything was good-humored until Ray had been tied several times and lost his temper. He cut the rope from him and said if they did not let him alone he would cut some of them. When they persisted, he cut Will Hodge on the arm. Lonny Perkins ran up behind to disarm him, when Ray taking his knife in his hand stabbed back and cut into the body of young Perkins, making a stab wound in the stomach.

The mill-hands, it is said, were very much enraged, and had it not been for the influence of Mr Henry Overholt would have dealt roughly with Ray.

Ray says that he did not know that Perkins was near him when he cut, and Perkins says himself that his anger was not directed at him. Perkins had been swung up by the rope several times himself, and had taken everything in good part. It is reliably reported that a rope was placed around Ray's neck, put better judgment prevailed and he was taken before Justice Curry and sent on to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Perkins was removed to the home of his brother-in-law, Poe Weiford, at Academy, where surgical aid was rendered. He is doing well at the present time, and barring ill effects from a disordered system or hot weather, will recover. His life has been in danger, and he is not yet on the safe side. Perkins is a son of R. V. Perkins, of Caldwell, Greenbrier County, and Ray comes from Lobelia.

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. S. C. Morgan will preach the memorial sermon of Mrs. Jane Kennison at the upper Church on Swago, next Sunday the 28th inst.

Rev. Geo. H. Echols held a quarterly meeting at Bethel Church on Browns Creek last Sunday. A large crowd was in attendance.

Rev. J. W. Lacy preached at this place last Sunday in place of Rev. W. T. Price.

A very large audience was at the Clover Lick Chapel on Sabbath. Dinner was served on the ground, and two sermons were preached by Rev. T. H. Lacy, D. D., and the day was very pleasantly passed. Parties were present far and near, and the occasion will be long remembered.

Rev. G. W. Nickell will begin a series of services at Poage's Lane School-House on Sunday, July 28. We will also begin a series at Mary's Chapel, on Elk, on the 1st Sunday in August. The announcements for other services will be given at these times.

J. W. LACY.

A Distinguished Party.

Hon. S. B. Elkins and son, Hon. H. G. Davis and family, Engineer Weir and Mr. B. M. Yeager, made a tour of Pocahontas and Highland counties last week. They stopped Friday night at Traveler's Rest, and drove to Huntersville the next day. From there they went to Monterey, from there they returned to their homes. The names above are suggestive of railroads. The presumable cause of the visit is that the capitalists, Messrs. Elkins and Davis, came to view the country with the object of extending the West Virginia Central to meet the Chesapeake and Western now in building towards Pocahontas

DUNMORE. The latest is the R. R. Senator S. B. Elkins and son, Senator H. G. Davis and family, his brother, Col. Tom Davis, Mr Weir, and Mr B. M. Yeager all took dinner at Dunmore Friday, and went from here to Huntersville, and thence to Monterey. The party seemed well pleased with our county, and we believe they mean business.

Mr B. M. Yeager bought last week 48000 acres of land on Alleghany Mountain.

For the last few days it has been hotter than love in August.

Some of our young people are using hand-painted, silk embroidered, double action wheelbarrows for hammocks.

Mr W. J. and Miss Cora Pritchard are visiting here.

Misses Mollie Smith and Mary Cackley are spending a few days with friends and relatives.

We are glad to see Mr Mathews Hannah out again.

The meeting at Clover Lick was largely attended on Sunday last.

Captain C. B. Swecker was over at Frost Monday, and the people anticipate a glorious time Saturday. All kinds of amusements and lectures will be given. Everybody come.

The Silver Toned Auctioneer is playing his hand at the Big Spring this week.

There will be singing at Stony Bottom Sunday afternoon.—Come and bring your books.

Professor Miller will sing at Dunmore Sunday night. Come out everybody. If it rains let it rain.

BUCK BEE.

The Topic of the Day.

"Railroad prospects are as bright as a dollar" for this county, or at least that is what one of the men who know said the other day and added that there is no question that this section is on the eve of a season of great prosperity. The presence of the capitalists last week is a good sign and the speculation now is, what will they do? The universal idea is that the West Virginia Central is aiming to get a direct line east to the seaboard, for its coal, and they look to the new road the Chesapeake and Western, as a means by which this may be accomplished. An extension from Elkins would make this connection at some point in Pocahontas County, but if the Dry Fork road were to be extended it would be in Highland County. In this event, Pocahontas would probably remain without railroad facilities for some time yet, as it is not at all unlikely that the work on the Chesapeake & Western would cease on their connection with the Davis system. It depends a good deal on the intention of the projectors of the former road. If it represents capital to the extent that most believe it does, then the work will cross this county in a short time, but if it is just "bumping" its way, the short space of life may be accomplished for most of us ere the new engine, the "F. W. Jackson," which is now running on the road west of Harrisburg, thunders down the mountain sides of West Virginia. It would be a surer thing for us were the C. & O. and some West Virginia company to make connection.

Trustee's Sale.

BY virtue of a deed of trust executed by P. M. Overholt and Martha C. Overholt, his wife, to R. W. Hill, Trustee, to secure the payment of a debt due W. H. Overholt by note amounting to \$568.58, with interest thereon from the 1st day of October, 1892, and costs of executing this trust, and recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Pocahontas County, in Deed Book No. 23, page 168, and being required so to do by said W. H. Overholt, I will, on TUESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1895, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., proceed to sell, by way of public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the court house of Pocahontas County, the land in the said deed mentioned, consisting of 100 acres, more or less, comprising valuable farming land, it being of the estate of the said P. M. Overholt, deceased, all growing crops being reserved for the benefit of the widow and children of said P. M. Overholt, deceased.

TERMS OF SALE: One third cash on the 1st day of November, 1895, when possession of the said land will be given, and for the balance in 6, 12, and 18 months from day of sale, the purchaser giving bonds for the deferred payments, bearing interest from date, and secured in such way as shall be satisfactory to the undersigned trustee, and a lien to be retained as ultimate security. J. H. PATTERSON, CLERK.

THANKS be to God for winter! It bore the Mayflower up, To pour amid New England snows The treasures of its cup, To fold them in icy arms, Those sturdy pilgrim sires, And mould an iron brotherhood, Around their Christmas fires.—*Bayard Taylor.*

To the Teachers. Understanding that the graded course for public schools, prepared by the State Superintendent, must be strictly adhered to the coming school year, I have made arrangements for the organization of a special class in the study of the graded course, provided a sufficient number of teachers attend that week. If a sufficient number attend to justify us in organizing another class, Prof. Barlow will assist in the graded course. If the teacher must follow this course, it is important that he understand it. Hope a large number of teachers will join us the last week of the Normal. We make you this promise: if you come, you shall have plenty of work to do.

Very truly,  
P. B. FITZWATER.

Commissioner's Notice.

Office of S. B. SCOTT, JR. Comm'r of Marlinton, W. Va. July 19, 1895. } State of West Virginia

vs. John Cloonan, John Hamer, and John J. Jones' Heirs.

The plaintiff and each and all of the above named defendants, and all unknown owners and claimants of any part or parcel of the lands mentioned in plaintiff's bill in the above entitled cause, will take notice that on the

31st Day of August, 1895, at my office in the town of Marlinton in the County of Pocahontas West Virginia, I will commence the discharge of my duties under the decree of reference in the above entitled cause, a copy of which decree is published with this notice, at which time and place you and each of you can attend and protect and defend any interest you may have in the lands, or any of them in question in this suit.

Given under my hand this 10th day of July, 1895.  
S. B. SCOTT, JR., Commissioner.

AT a Circuit Court continued and held for the County of Pocahontas at the Court-House thereof, on Friday, June 21st, 1895, State of West Virginia } In Ch'ncy.

vs. John Cloonan, et als.

It is ordered that this cause be referred to Samuel B. Scott, one of the Commissioners of this Court, to take, state, and report the following matters and things as to the 1500 acres alleged in the bill to be forfeited for non entry, and described as the Hamer & Jones' Heirs' land, and situated on the waters of Williams' River, to-wit:

1st—For what year or years the said land has been charged for taxation, and the year or years for which no tax has been paid upon the same, and whether the same has been forfeited in consequence of not being so charged and non-payment of taxes, and the taxes, interest, and damages upon the same due and unpaid.

2d—What title or claim was in the estate of John Hamer, or those claiming under him, when omitted, and during such omission, how the same was or is derived, the nature and character of the same, and in whom such title is now vested.

3d—Whether the location of said land is ascertained, and, if so, its actual location.

4th—The title or claim of the defendant, the West Virginia & Pittsburgh Railroad Company, to said land, how derived, and the nature and character of the same, and whether it covers and includes the said 1500 acres or any part thereof, and for what year or years said defendant, or those under whom it claims have been charged with said lands for purposes of taxation and have paid taxes upon the same under such title or claim of title.

5th—In whom the title to said land is now vested, by forfeiture or otherwise, and who, if any one, is now entitled to redeem said land.

6th—Such other matters and things as said Commissioner may deem pertinent, or any of the parties may require. And it is further ordered that said Commissioner, before proceeding to execute this decree, shall give notice to the parties interested and all unknown owners and claimants of said land of the time and place when and where he will proceed to execute this decree, which notice shall be published in the "Pocahontas Times," a newspaper printed in said county, for four weeks before commencing said account. A copy, Teste:

J. H. PATTERSON, CLERK.

EX-SENATOR CAMDEN, of West Virginia, hit the nail on the head when he said to the American's Washington correspondent: "Prosperity is the invincible ally of the democracy." This sentence is worthy to go among the familiar proverbs of the people.—*Nashville American.*

In this country a third baby is better than a third term. There is no unwritten law against it.—*N. Y. Sun.*